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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 5 with the following paragraph:

- 5 - - Fig. 10 shows a block diagram of another exemplary method 1000. The
exemplary method 1000 includes a fuel supply block 1010, wherein an excess
amount of fuel is supplied to a system of fuel cells. In a measurement block
1020, temperature and/or one or more other variables are measured or
otherwise determined. Next, in a decision block 1030, a decision is made as to
10 whether more or less heat generation is desired. The exemplary method 1000
then continues down a less heat generation branch or a more heat generation
branch. The more branch includes a switching block 1040 that switches the
multicell system to a more ~~parallel~~-serial configuration (e.g., electrical
arrangement) whereas the less branch includes a switching block 1042 that
15 switches the multicell system to a more ~~serial~~-parallel configuration (e.g.,
electrical arrangement). Accordingly, the more branch increases heat
production in a heat production block 1050 due to increased fuel consumption
while the less branch decreases heat production in a heat reduction block 1052
due to a decrease in fuel consumption. - -